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Mr. Robert J. Blackwell
Assistant Secretary for Maritime Affairs
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Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Thank you for your letter of appreciation for the support we contributed to the negotiations for the U.S./USSR Maritime Agreement. I have sent copies of your letter to the employees who helped on this project, and to their office director.

Let us know if we can be of assistance in the future.

Sincerely,

/s/ W. E. Colby

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Director

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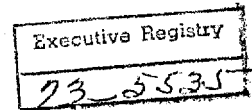
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Mr. William Colby
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
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Dear Mr. Colby:

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Central Intelligence Agency for the assistance and cooperation extended to the Maritime Administration during negotiations which led to the signing of the U. S. /U. S. S. R. Maritime Agreement and subsequent negotiations involving implementation of the Agreement.

Messrs. [redacted] are to be commended for their outstanding work in monitoring the shipment of grain to the Soviet Union. As the Designated Representative of the U. S. for implementation of the U. S. /U. S. S. R. Maritime Agreement, I can attest to the fact that the information and data provided by your staff has been invaluable to me in carrying out my duties under the Agreement. [redacted] continued analysis of the Soviet merchant marine is extremely beneficial.

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While I leave it to your good judgment, I believe that the complete cooperation, untiring efforts and timely responses to our requests for information by [redacted] and [redacted] are worthy of special recognition.

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I look forward to our continuing cooperation.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Blackwell
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Assistant Secretary
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